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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 109**

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**Chairperson: Lavon Heidemann**  
**Committee: Appropriations**  
**Date of Hearing: March 6, 2007**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 109 directs a specific appropriation to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to fund the compilation of documentation and actuarial information required under cited regulations of the Risk Management Agency of USDA to enable expansion of availability of the whole-farm revenue crop insurance policy known as Adjusted Gross Revenue –Lite to producers in Nebraska.

AGR-Lite is a whole farm revenue protection plan of crop insurance developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture pursuant to Section 508(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act. AGR-Lite utilizes IRS 1040 Schedule F tax form information as the basis for determining insurable revenue base. Instead of insuring individual crops, AGR-Lite insures anticipated revenues derived from the entire farming operation, including the income from specialty crops for which insurance policies are not separately available. An interim study of the Agriculture Committee (LR397) identified lack of suitable indemnity products as a constraint to diversification of production agriculture into organic and specialty crops. AGR-Lite is designed specifically to have utility for these types of agricultural producers. The AGR-Lite policy is nearing completion of the pilot program stage and has already expanded to a number of states and qualified for federal premium subsidy.

LB 109 would support completion of the necessary requirements to enable its expansion to Nebraska. While the amount of appropriation provided is based on the projected costs to IANR to carry out the purposes of the bill, LB 109 does ask the University to seek other funding partners.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Philip Erdman, Chairperson**  
**Committee on Agriculture**